



County of Los Angeles  
Department of Public Social Services

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Director

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TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Bryce Yokomizo, Director

**SUBJECT: LONG-TERM FAMILY SELF-SUFFICIENCY (LTFSS) PLAN -  
PROJECT#17 - COMMUNITY-BASED TEENS SERVICES AND PROJECT#18 -  
SERVICES TO TEENS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS PROGRAMS**

This is to advise you that, after conferring with County Counsel, we have notified Hermandad Mexicana Nacional Los Angeles that I would not be exercising my discretion to contract with them for the LTFSS Project #18, Services to Teens with Special Needs. The decision not to contract with this agency was based on pending litigation for misuse of funds in a suit filed by the State Department of Education, a United States Department of Health and Human Services demand for a return of over \$400,000 due to the misuse of funds, failure to produce a current valid business license, and failure to provide a site for a visit. Ten (10) other agencies continue to provide services to teens throughout the County and receive funding through LTFSS Project #18.

As background, your Board approved delegated authority on November 13, 2001, for DPSS to execute a total of 77 contracts with various school districts, cities and community-based and faith-based organizations providing services to teens as part of LTFSS Project 17, Community-Based Teen Services and LTFSS Project #18, Services to Teens with Special Needs. With the exception of the one agency noted above and three others which voluntarily withdrew, all 77 contracts have been executed, with the last of these executed in June, 2002. Together, these contracts include 250 sub-contracted agencies covering all five (5) Supervisorial districts offering over 40 different programs in 36 high need High School Attendance Areas (HSAA).

Of the three agencies that withdrew, only one resulted in a gap. This service gap in the Antelope Valley HSAA resulted in the release of a subsequent RFP and contract award recommendation which we plan to have before you in October 2002. The three agencies which voluntarily withdrew from consideration are YWCA of the San Gabriel Valley, El Nido in the Antelope Valley, and the Alhambra School District.

Please contact me if you need further information on this matter.

BY:ls

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